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Task Force Nabs Steven L. Morehouse

Concord – United States Marshal Stephen Monier, District of New Hampshire, and United States Marshal David Viles, District of Maine, today announced the capture of **Steven L. Morehouse**, age 69.

Morehouse was wanted by the U.S. Marshals Service for Failure to Appear in November of 2004 for sentencing in the U.S. District Court in Maine for multiple counts of Fraud, Bank Fraud, and Identity Theft. The offenses alleged were perpetrated over a period of many years, and the victims included banks in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Virginia, and totaled approximately \$400,000. Morehouse faced a possible sentence of upwards of 30 years in prison and up to a \$1,000,000 fine.

Steven Morehouse was highlighted recently in a Union Leader and Marshals Service Wanted Poster, and had been highlighted earlier on WNDS TV. Morehouse is alleged to have a history of committing crimes involving identity theft and fraud. The Nashua Police Department currently holds a felony warrant for Mr. Morehouse alleging

felony fraud, which he is alleged to have committed while he was being pursued as a fugitive.

At an early stage in the fugitive investigation, Deputy U.S. Marshals believed that Morehouse might be operating in the southern New Hampshire area, and the U.S. Marshals-led **NH Joint Fugitive Task Force** has been working the case over the past year. Very recently, information developed which led investigators to the Salem NH area. Following active surveillance this morning, Mr. Morehouse was apprehended at approximately 12:30 PM without incident, in the parking lot of the 99 Restaurant in Salem NH.

When he was arrested, Morehouse was found to be carrying identification and business paraphernalia in the name of Morris Simons, as a consultant for United Consulting Company of Methuen, MA, which is believed to be a fictitious company.

U.S. Marshal Stephen Monier credits the due diligence, tenacity, and creativity of the Deputy U.S. Marshals working this case, for the Morehouse arrest.

Monier noted that **New Hampshire's Joint Fugitive Task Force**, run by the Concord office of the U.S. Marshal's Service, is now responsible for over 550 captures in just three years of operation. In addition to federal warrants, the task force can assist state and local law enforcement with fugitive cases meeting certain criteria.

Deputy U.S. Marshal Paul Schmieder commands the NH Task Force. "Generally," Schmieder noted, "these cases tend to be NH's Most Wanted. Steven Morehouse's apprehension shows what can result when the U.S. Marshals work with state, county,

and local law enforcement to track known fugitives.” Deputy U.S. Marshal Schmieder added, “In Mr. Morehouse’s case, as evidenced by the business card and other false IDs we found on him, our fear is, of course, that there are more victims who haven’t come forward yet.”

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